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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.56, Applicant wishes to call the attention of the Examiner to the following references:

- 1) WO 9628535
- 2) EP 0 475 596
- 3) JP 08-074081
- 4) JP 07-054178

References 1 & 2 are in the English language and therefore need no further discussion as to their relevance.

Reference 3, JAP 7054178 discloses the following:

PURPOSE: To provide a method to efficiently remove an oil component from a product on which an oil component is stuck without using an org. solvent such as trichloroethane. CONSTITUTION: A product (a) with deposition of an oil component is treated (b) with a water-soluble degreasing compsn. comprising 5-50wt.% glycolether, 0.1-30wt.% water-soluble amine or surfactant, and the balance water. Then the treating liquid is filtered (c) through a collagen-contg. cloth. Thereby, the life of the collagen contg.-cloth for

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use can be prolonged.

Reference 4, JP 08-074081, discloses the following:

PURPOSE: To develop a method for cleaning an article without causing ignition, without any waste rinsing water and capable of saving the energy needed to recover oil.

CONSTITUTION: A mixture of org. solvent and water having the composition capable of reversibly forming a homogeneous phase and two phases by the temp. change, e.g. a cleaning agent consisting of 10-60vol.% ethylene glycol monobutyl ether and 90-60vol.% water, is used. An article deposited with oil is cleaned at a temp. where the agent forms a homogeneous phase, and then the cleaned article is rinsed with water or a liq. mixture of water and org. solvent at a temp. where the agent forms two phases. The separated org. phase contg. oil is appropriately drawn off.

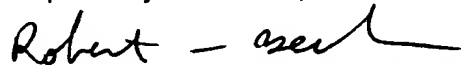
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The required fee pursuant to 37 CFR, § 1.97©, in the amount of \$180.00 is submitted herewith.

It is respectfully requested that any fees required and not enclosed herewith or any shortages in any fees be charged to Deposit Account 02-1653.

Consideration of the foregoing in relation to this application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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	1	WO 9628535	19 Sep 1996	WIPO			X
	2	EP 0 475 596	18 Mar 1992	Europe			X
	3	JP 07-054178	28 Feb 1995	Japan			X
	4	JP 08-074081	19 Mar 1996	Japan			X

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